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Dr. JAMES WATSON LASSITER, M.D., 4708 Highland Terrace, Austin, Texas, was interviewed at Brackenridge Hospital, Austin, Texas, at which time he was advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to making a statement, the fact that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to Dr. LASSITER during the course of this interview.

LASSITER advised at the outset that he is not acquainted with and has never been acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. He advised that these names were both unknown to him until the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

LASSITER likewise pointed out that he has no specific information whatsoever to indicate that either OSWALD or RUBY were a part of any organized conspiracy to assassinate the President. LASSITER pointed out that he himself has been very active in the John Birch Society in Austin, Texas, and that he has frequently been outspoken in his criticism of the KENNEDY administration during the tenure of his presidency of the United States. LASSITER further pointed out that it was his belief that KENNEDY has frequently associated with and encouraged individuals who are connected with the Communist Party and that for this reason he has been bitterly opposed to him insofar as his administration of the President's Office.

LASSITER denied that he at any time had made any statement that the assassination of President KENNEDY was a "legal execution." He advised that he is not in agreement with murder or assassination in any form, although he was frank to admit that he did not feel that the assassination of President KENNEDY was such a tremendous loss to the American people.

In conclusion, LASSITER admitted that he had no specific information indicating any conspiracy on the part of the communists or any other group to have President KENNEDY assassinated.

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